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SUBJECT: DRAFT REMARKS FOR AMBASSADOR AT NORTHERN
NATURAL GAS CEREMONY

REF: WARSAW 7686

1. HERE IS REVISED TEXT APPROVED BY THE AMBASSADOR.
2. BEGIN TEXT: MR. STRAUSS, OFFICIALS OF THE NORTHERN
NATURAL GAS COMPANY, HONORED GUESTS FROM THE POLISH
SHIPYARDS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

A) I WAS HONORED TO BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S
CHRISTENING OF THE LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS CARRIER,
NORTHERN ARROW. I AM EQUALLY HONORED TO BE HERE TONIGHT
TO TAKE PART IN THE PRESENTATION OF THIS PORTRAIT OF
GENERAL PONIATOWSKI TO THE PEOPLE OF POLAND.

B) MORE THAN SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES IN SHIPBUILDING ARE
NECESSARY TO PRODUCE THE MASSIVE SHIP WHICH WE WITNESSED
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BEING CHRISTENED TODAY. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION
FOR THE EFFORT OF THE POLISH WORKERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN
THIS PROJECT. IT IS IN APPRECIATION OF THIS EFFORT THAT
THE NORTHERN NATURAL GAS COMPANY HAS DONATED TO THE POLISH

PEOPLE, IN THE NAME OF THE SHIPYARD WORKERS HERE IN GYDNIA,
THIS PORTRAIT OF GENERAL PONIATOWSKI.

C) THERE ARE STRONG TIES, BOTH HISTORIC AND ECONOMIC, BETWEEN POLAND AND THE UNITED STATES. THIS VESSEL IS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF A JOINT EFFORT WHICH YIELDS BENEFIT TO BOTH COUNTRIES. MANY AMERICANS WHO ARE NOT AWARE OF TODAY'S EVENTS WILL SOON BE USING THE GAS BROUGHT TO OUR SHORES BY THE NORTHERN ARROW. FOR POLAND, THE BENEFIT OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE. FIRST AND FOREMOST, THERE IS THE MONEY EARNED BY THE POLISH SHIP-BUILDING INDUSTRY FROM THE SALE OF THIS SHIP. THE PURCHASE OF THIS VESSEL, THE FIRST EVER TO BE MADE FROM A POLISH SHIPYARD BY AN AMERICAN FIRM, SHOULD OPEN THE DOOR FOR FURTHER SALES OF HIGH-TECHNOLOGY POLISH SHIPS TO THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

D) THE NORTHERN ARROW IS ANOTHER MILESTONE IN THE EXPANDING TRADE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POLAND. SUCH MUTUAL ECONOMIC BENEFIT IN BUSINESS AFFAIRS ENHANCES THE BROADER RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS.

E) I EXTEND MY BEST WISHES TO THE MEN WHO WILL SERVE ON BOARD THE NORTHERN ARROW DURING HER FUTURE VOYAGES. I HOPE THAT FAVORABLE WINDS AND CALM SEAS WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE MEN ON ALL THEIR VOYAGES. THEIR WELFARE AND WORKING ENVIRONMENT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR BY THE SHIP DESIGNERS, THE SHIPYARD MANAGERS, AND THE WORKMEN OF THE GDYNIA YARDS.

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I ASK EVERYONE TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE MEN WHO BUILT THIS FINE VESSEL. END TEXT. VANCE

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